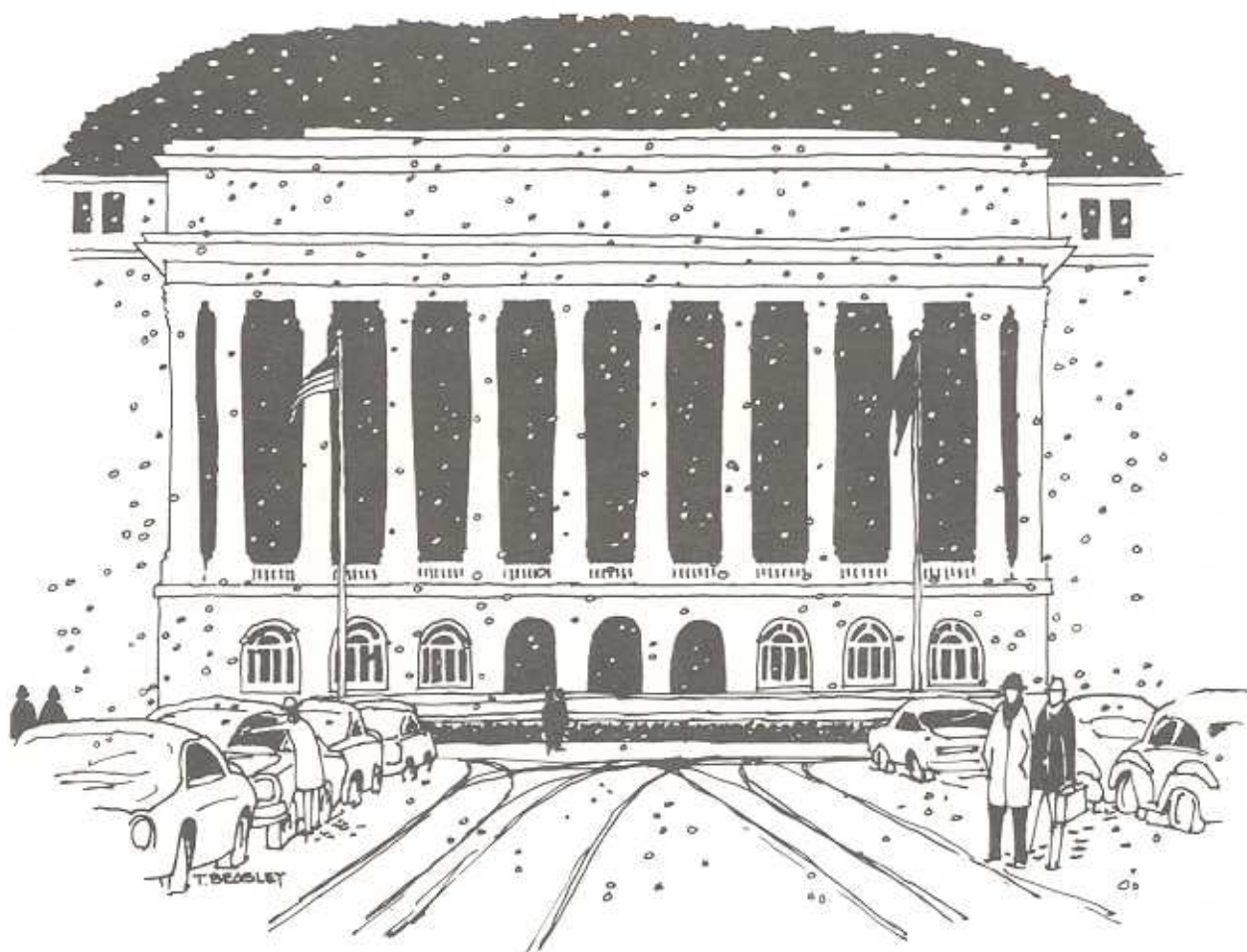




THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

November-December 1975



Season's Greetings



December 1975

Dear Friends:

As the holiday season approaches once again, may I extend to each of you, at home and at posts abroad, a special greeting and a word of appreciation for the work that you do.

Each year the contribution of American agriculture to the people of this country and, indeed, to the people in many parts of the rest of the world becomes more and more important. This can be measured in dollars and in tonnage -- that's one way. But in a broader way the nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent upon each other as they all seek a good life for their citizens. Food and fiber and the products that are made therefrom are the most important in achieving this good life. This is what we are concerned with and it is appropriate, therefore, that we think about these things at this time of year.

I regret that it will be impossible for me to greet each of you individually. But I will be thinking of you with the hope that joy and peace that mark this season will be with you, not only now but throughout 1976.

Sincerely,

David Hume

SECRETARY BUTZ ATTENDS FAO MEETING AND VISITS MIDDLE EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE

Secretary Earl L. Butz was in Rome November 12-15 for the 18th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Conference. He presented the U.S. statement to the Conference on November 13, and served as chairman of the U.S. delegation.

Following Secretary Butz participation in the FAO Conference, he met with agriculture and trade officials in the capitals of Iran, Israel, Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary, and Poland. He was also in London, where he met with officials of the United Kingdom and spoke at a meeting of that country's National Farmers Union.

Attaches coordinating the Secretary's visit with Ministers at their respective posts were: Elmer Hollowell in Rome; Bill Rodman in London; Nick Thuroczy, Budapest; Paul Ferree, Tehran; Dale Douglas, Tel Aviv; Bob Svec in Bucharest and Belgrade; and Gerry Harvey, Warsaw. ■

SECRETARY BUTZ RECEIVES COMMEMORATIVE PLATE

"Diplomacy through Food and Science," inscribed on a terra-cotta plate presented to Secretary Butz recently, commemorates the 160,000 metric tons of U.S. corn shipped to Guatemala in 1972. The U.S. shipment helped Guatemala fill its need for human consumption, after a severe drought drastically reduced that country's traditional production level.

Secretary Butz's closing speech at the Agricultural Attache Conference in Caracas last June prompted the inscription on the plate, which was handmade by the Indians of Rabinal in Baja Verapaz.

The presentation to Mr. Butz was made by the professional assistant to the U.S. agricultural attache in Guatemala, Benjamin Gallegos, when he was in Washington this fall to participate in the FAS foreign national professional training program. ■

Secretary Butz receives commemorative plate from Benjamin Gallegos (center) when the Secretary met with the foreign national professionals in Washington for a 5-week training program this fall. Looking on at right is Cornelius Germishuis, Pretoria.



ROAMING AROUND

Koy Neeley is reporting in early December to the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking as the agricultural representative at that post. ■

After serving as attache in The Hague since 1973, Jerry Kuhl is now posted as agricultural attache in Rabat. Jerry's foreign posts since joining FAS in 1959 include Djakarta, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, and Caracas. ■

When the Brazilian and Venezuelan Ministers of Agriculture met with Secretary Butz in Washington this fall, Berk Beukenkamp, agricultural attache in Brasilia, and Robert McConnell, attache in Caracas, participated in the visits. ■

Excerpted below is a paragraph from a letter dated September 4 received in FAS/W from Jim Willis, assistant attache Caracas. "Great News! While writing this letter I received a call from Louisiana announcing the arrival of our first bundle of joy—a fine and healthy boy. Please don't hesitate in spreading the news around FAS. Sandy and Craig Nelson are doing fine and Dad Willis is trying to keep the buttons on his shirt." Congratulations Jim and Sandy! ■

Because of the unsettled situation in Beirut, attache Shackford Pitcher is now posted in Damascus, and secretary Jennie Keeler is on TDY in Tehran. Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria are included in Shack's area of responsibility. ■

Gerry Harvey is on TDY from his post as assistant attache in Bonn to serve as acting attache in Warsaw. Gerry has been assigned in Bonn since mid-1972. ■

In Lisbon, the new attache is John McDonald, transferring in November from Guatemala City, where he has been attache since 1972. Since joining FAS in 1967, Jack also has served as attache in Rio de Janeiro and in Brasilia. ■

Bob Fouchs has been reassigned to Lima as agricultural attache, after serving as attache in Santo Domingo since January 1973. Enroute to his new assignment, Bob attended the First Latin American Soy Protein Conference, November 9-12, in Mexico City. He was assistant attache in that post from 1963-69. ■

Replacing Bob as agricultural attache in Santo Domingo is John Jacobs, who has been an assistant attache in Mexico City since early 1973. John joined FAS in 1967 and worked in the Cotton Division before going to Mexico. ■

Jim O'Mara, who has been on TDY in San Salvador since July 4 as acting attache, is being posted to Mexico City as assistant attache on or about December 1. Jim has been working in the Livestock and Livestock Products Division since coming to FAS in late 1973. ■



FRANK PIASON, detailed to Rabat for 4 months as acting attache, visits Morocco's Tadla district, where 80 percent of that country's cotton is produced, to collect data for the annual cotton report. About-to-be harvested cotton near Soukes-Sebt is visible to the right of the experimental soybean plot where Frank talks with Mr. Larachi (left), a local cotton expert in the regional Services des Interventions Agricoles. ■

Presenting the FAS Staff of

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Each of the INTERNATIONAL
key member of
Attache's staff
wide variety
and administrative
at a U.S. Embassy



LONDON AWARDS—U.S. Ambassador Elliot Richardson presented the Administrator's Blue Ribbon Award and 20-Year Length of Service Award to Cline Warren, (at left) an assistant attache in London. Other award presentations made by Ambassador Richardson included 10-Year Length of Service Awards to both Kenneth Taylor, (lower left) Market Promotion Specialist and Roger Puterbaugh, (below) also an assistant attache at that post. ■



AWARDS CEREMONY IN SAO PAULO—Consul General Frederic L. Chopin (right) presented a Certificate of Merit for Special Achievement to Anneliese Katz, secretary to the agricultural officer in Sao Paulo. Also on hand for the ceremony last July in the U.S. Consulate General (from left) were Jim Shellard, economist and Joe O'Mara, agricultural officer. Joe has now been reassigned to FAS/W. ■





PRESENTATION OF AWARDS by U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Rush to employees of the Office of the Agricultural Attache in Paris was made on October 2. Recipients were (from left) Bruno Julien, agricultural economist, receiving the Administrator's 1975 Blue Ribbon Award for contributions to *Foreign Agriculture*; secretary Eleanore Burford, awarded a 25-year Length of Service Certificate; Ambassador Rush; Roger Lowen, assistant agricultural attache, receiving a 20-year Length of Service Certificate. ■

IN LONDON—Gerald W. Shelton, recently arrived Assistant Agricultural Attache for Market Development, being presented to Ambassador Elliot Richardson by Agricultural Attache Bill Rodman. ■



AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION of the United States to the International Office of Epizootics on July 24 in Paris were, from left, Mrs. and Dr. R. Vittoz, Director General of Office International des Epizooties; Roger Lowen, Assistant Agricultural Attache, Paris; Laurent Hedde, agricultural economist; and Dr. E. Carbrey, National Animal Disease Research Library, Ames, Iowa.

The International Office of Epizootics was formed by a treaty in 1924 as a forum for member nations to discuss animal health problems, to establish regulations for the movement of animals in international trade, and to establish a medium whereby epizootic outbreaks can be reported. ■



Around Washington

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Welcome to Tom Kay, confidential assistant to Administrator Hume. Before joining FAS in September, Mr. Kay served as confidential assistant, Deputy Under Secretary, Office of the Secretary. ■

RETIREMENTS

After serving more than 31 years with FAS in Rome, Louis Menna retired on October 17, and is coming to the United States (Houston) to undergo heart surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery! ■

Florence Adams, Office of Reports and Statistics, retired on September 12 after 30 years of Federal service, the last 22 years of which were spent with FAS. ■

UPON RETIREMENT—Frank Ehman (left) received his 24-year Length of Service Certificate from Administrator Hume when friends gathered in FAS/W to bid him farewell on September 19. Frank's last 20 years of Federal service were with FAS. His most recent assignment was that of attache in Bern, Switzerland. Prior to that he served in Cairo, Lisbon, Port-of-Spain, and Belgrade. ■



JOE PHILLIPS, seated in the office he has occupied for the past 12 years as director, Personnel Division, has chosen to retire from his career with the Federal Government on December 19 after more than 37 years of service, 33 years of which have been with USDA. Before joining FAS in 1963, Joe worked in various personnel and administrative assignments, principally with AMS and P&MA—both in Washington and in the field. Joe says he plans to devote more time to whittling on his wood carvings, a hobby at which we understand he has developed quite a skill. ■

ADMINISTRATOR HUME PRESENTS CASH AWARDS to three FAS/W employees for their foreign language proficiency levels, under the newly instituted Foreign Language Incentive Program.

IRENE MURRAY (top), an international affairs specialist, USSR Secretariat, receives an award of \$250 for a Russian proficiency of S-4+/R-4+.

WILLIAM HUTH (far right), agricultural marketing specialist, Planning and Evaluation Division, accepts an award of \$250 from Mr. Hume for a Russian proficiency of S-2+/R-2+. Bill also has an S-2/R-2+ in French and S-4+/R-4+ in Swedish. He is currently taking intensive German training on his own time, using FAS tapes and books.

MONIKA METRINKO (below), international economist, Trade Operations Division, also receives an award of \$250 for a level of S-2/R-2 in Russian. Monika was selected for full-time Russian language training under the competitive "hard" language training program. She recently completed 1 year of training at the Foreign Service Institute. ■





INTRODUCTION TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ was the first item on the agenda for 12 foreign national professional employees of FAS while in Washington for a 5-week training program this fall. Confering with the Secretary are (clockwise from bottom center) Administrator David Hume; the Secretary; Haven Umstott, coordinator, Representation and Foreign Visitors Staff; Saiful Alam, Bangladesh; Robin Mosse, Ireland; Josef Wienken, West Germany; Francisco Serrano, Ecuador; Edna de Accari, Argentina; Benjamin Gallegos, Guatemala; Cornelius Germishuis, South Africa; Conrado Monserrat, Philippines; Manmohan Singh Takkar, India; Kinya Hatsuta, Japan; Mohammad-Ali Ellini, Iran; Svetlana Dimic-Gagic, Yugoslavia; William Horbaly, Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Attaches. ■



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